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A Dinner in a Seraglio.

We seated ourselves on cushions, and each took possession of the flat piece of scene which supplied the place of a plate during the meal, those articles not being considered a necessary luxury. In the center of the table stood a large bowl full of white soup, from which everybody ate, taking as many spoonfuls as they chose from the common tureen with the long handled wooden ladles provided for each guest.

When this was removed, a large piece of meat boiled to rags took its place and was speedily diminished under the violent treatment it received from us all, each one pulling a lump of meat from the joint with his fingers and eating it off with his own flat scene. We then had a curvy of vegetables, followed by the Zagzag pudding, fruit and rice, called so from a native of that village having brought the recipe to the bazaar.

Our meal was concluded by coffee made in a corner of the room over red hot charcoal in a copper pot and poured thick into small glasses fitted in gold dingley cups. The lady who made this rather disagreeable beverage was the same who had removed the center dishes during dinner. She was black as a coal and bore the delightfully descriptive name translated to us, of Lily in the Desert.—Good Words.

Our Curious Brain.

A wonderful piece of self analysis, worthy of St. Augustine, which occurs in one of John Donne's funeral sermons, gives poignant expression to what must doubtless have been a common condition of so sensitive a brain.

"I throw myself down in my chamber, and I call in and invite God and his angels together, and when they are there I neglect God and his angels for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a dog; I talk on in the same posture of prayer, eyes lifted up, knees bowed down, as though I prayed to God, and if God should ask me when I last thought of God in that prayer I cannot tell. Sometimes I find that I forgot what I was about, but when I began to forget it I cannot tell. A memory of yesterday's pleasures, a fear of tomorrow's dangers, a straw under my knee, a noise in mine ear, a chime in my brain, troubles me in my prayer."

It is this brain, turned inward upon itself and darting out on every side in purely random excursions that was responsible. I cannot doubt, for all the contradictions of a career in which the inner logic is not at first apparent—Fortnightly.

Two Railroad Passes.

When its limited express trains were put on some years ago, the Lake Shore Railway company decided to charge extra for the privilege of riding on them, and John Newell, who was president of the system at that time, gave orders that passes, half rate tickets, etc., should not be honored on the "dilets." It was not intended, of course, that the complimentaries issued to high officials of other roads should be void on the fast trains, but through an oversight a yearly pass was sent to D. W. Caldwell, president of the Nickel Plate, which bore on its face the words:

"Not good on Lake Shore limited trains."

A few days after Mr. Caldwell's pass had been issued Mr. Newell received an annual pass on the Nickel Plate with the following indorsement:

"Not good on passenger trains."

Messrs. Newell and Caldwell remained consistent enemies until the former died and was succeeded by the latter as president of the Lake Shore.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Somewhat Mixed.

A gentleman from a neighboring town in Mississippi told the following last night:

"I walked into a small store the other day and found the proprietor lying on the counter just dozing off into a sleep. He roused himself on my approach, and jumping to the floor, quoted the familiar line:

"A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

"Where did you get that? I asked.

"Oh, don't you know? That's what Absalom said when his horse ran under the tree and left him hanging by the hair to a limb. I thought everybody knew where that came from."—Memphis Scimitar.

An Editor's Life saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something that I could not. I became alarmed, and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by all druggists.

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